

fill up the posts now lying vacant from these categories?

MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The names of the non-official directors belonging to SCs/STs on the Boards of nationalised banks, bank-wise, are given below:-

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i)	Bank of India	-	Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo
ii)	Bank of Baroda	-	Shri Bahura Ekka
iii)	UCO Bank	-	Shri R.T. Rymbai
iv)	Canara Bank	-	Shri Omprakash Shankaranand Kanagali
v)	Union Bank of India	-	Smt. Mallajamma
vi)	Bank of Maharashtra	-	Shri Madan Varma
vii)	Andhra Bank	-	Shri Rajkumar Nagrath
viii)	Corporation Bank	-	Shri Rajguru Dayaram Tulsiram
ix)	New bank of India	-	Miss Selja Kumari
x)	Punjab and Sind Bank	-	Smt. Santosh Choudhary

No Chairman and Managing Director of nationalised banks belongs to SC/ST.

(b) It is the endeavour of the Government to appoint atleast one non official director from among the SCs/STs on the Boards of each of the nationalised banks. Government have already initiated necessary steps to fill up the vacancies from these categories in the remaining nationalised banks.

Supply of Yarn

4782. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of different counts of yarn by various States and the quantity actually supplied to each State during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of the different counts of yarn in full?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). The statistics regarding the demand of different counts of yarn by various States and the quantity actually supplied to these States is not maintained centrally. However, as against the Country's total yarn production of 1883 million Kgs. in 1989-90 and 2071 million Kgs. in 1990-91, the demand and consumption of yarn was to the tune of 1648 million Kgs. and 1700 million Kgs. respectively.

Declaration of M.C. Road in Kerala as National Highway

4783. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to declare M.C. Road in Kerala as a National Highway; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During Seventh Five Year Plan, the Government of Kerala had projected this road for inclusion in the National Highway grid. However, due to financial stringency and other priority considerations, it has not possible to declare this road as a National Highway.

Alleged Misbehaviour with Bunk Passengers at Madras

4784. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints about the harassment to bunk class passengers at Madras at the time of obtaining bunk tickets for travel from Madras to Port Blair by Government-run ships during the last one year;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any enquires into such complaints;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to ensure that the security-guards on duty at Madras do not misbehave with the bunk passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The harassment to bunk class passengers in getting tickets at Madras was due to certain deficiencies in the earlier ticketing procedure. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has streamlined the procedure with effect from 1-9-1991. As per the revised procedure, the Deputy Resident Commissioner of A&N Administration at Madras finalises the complete list of the Administration's quota and forwards the same to the Office of the Shipping Corporation of India at Madras for ticketing. M/s RITES have also undertaken a project for improving and computerising the entire procedure of reservation and ticketing. With the ongoing implementation of their recommendations for streamlining the systems, it is expected that the harassment and hardships to the passengers will get eliminated.

(d) The security guards provided at Madras are employees of an outside agency to whom the security contract has been awarded. The Officer of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. at Madras is maintaining a strict vigil on the conduct of the security guards. A proper public grievance handling system has been provided by the Madras Office of SCI. Any complaint received from the passengers is attended to immediately.

Financial Assistance to SCs/STs for Establishing Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps

4785. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for establishing petrol pumps and L.P.G. agencies; and

(b) if so, the number of such SC/ST beneficiaries at present, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR